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declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the attached specification and claims and I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor or discoverer of the invention or discovery in

#### PELVIC BRACING SYSTEM

described and claimed in the attached specification; that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed pending application, Serial No. 09/489,599, filed 20 January 2000; that as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof; that to the best of my knowledge and belief the invention of said common subject matter has not been in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to said earlier application or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any foreign country prior to the date of said earlier application on an application filed by myself or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application in this country; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on the invention or discovery of said common subject matter has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

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Wherefore I Pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the attached specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the attached specification and claims, Declaration, Power of Attorney and this Petition.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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